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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) El Monte – Honey Butane Lab Suspected in Blaze Near American Military Museum

(U) Los Angeles County Fire Department crews battled a massive fire near the American Military History Museum in El Monte on Thursday evening. The sprawling property of the museum is covered in antique military vehicles, including several tanks, as the museum is alternatively known as "Tank Land." Fire crews indicated that a nearby building was in fact the structure that was on fire, and that they were protecting the museum, which contained countless amounts of priceless memorabilia. Just after 10:00 p.m., LACFD reported that they were sending a Health Hazmat team to the scene after reports that a honey butane lab was located inside of the property. Honey butane, or hash oil, is used in the production of creating purified marijuana that is extracted from plants. The finished product is traditionally used in marijuana pens and edibles. There were no reported injuries.

SOURCE: 30 December 2021, CBSN LA

(U) San Francisco - Man Gets Nine-Years in Federal Prison for Selling Meth by the Pound

(U) Bay Area man was sentenced to nine-years in federal prison, three months after he pleaded guilty to being part of a methamphetamine trafficking ring that sold drugs by the pound. In a 14 December hearing that was partially sealed, Andrew Quintero, 48, was sentenced by a US District Judge. Quintero was indicted in 2019, along with three others, after prosecutors linked him to four methamphetamine transactions totaling about three-pounds. While on pretrial release, Quintero absconded and was arrested at a hotel with a gun, \$27,900 in cash, and methamphetamine.

SOURCE: 30 December 2021, Mercury News

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(U) Connecticut - Man Charged with Faking Positive COVID-19 Test to Skip Court

(U) Hartford – A man has been charged with faking a positive COVID-19 test just so he could skip a court date. Junior Jumpp, 31, was arrested Tuesday over the forged test result. Jumpp had been scheduled to appear before a New Britain Judicial District judge on 30 November for a bond review hearing related to a string of criminal cases. The judge excused Jumpp from appearing after his attorney said he'd received a screenshot from his client a day earlier that showed the so-called positive COVID-19 test notification. Investigators later determined the result was fake.

SOURCE: 30 December 2021, New York Post

(U) District of Columbia - \$4 Million Worth of Heroin Seized by US Navy in Arabian Sea

(U) Washington – United States Navy vessels seized 849-pounds of heroin in the Arabian Sea worth some \$4 million, in a major bust by the international maritime operation in the region. The USS Tempest and USS Typhoon seized the drugs hidden aboard a stateless fishing vessel plying Mideast waters, the international task force said in a statement. The seizure took place on Monday. The Navy said the fishing vessel likely came from Iran. All nine crew members identified themselves as Iranian nationals. SOURCE: 30 December 2021, Associated Press

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(U) Illinois - Suspect Arrested in Bradley Hotel Shooting of Two Police Officers

(U) Chicago – An arrest has been made in connection to a hotel shooting that left a Bradley police sergeant dead, and another officer critically wounded. One of the two suspects wanted in connection to the shooting was taken into custody near Manchester, Indiana, Friday morning. On Wednesday evening, Bradley Sergeant Marlene Rittmanic, 49, was shot and killed responding to a call of dogs barking in an unattended car in the parking lot of a Comfort Inn in the 1500 block of North State Highway 50, police said. Her partner, Tyler Bailey, 27, was also shot and critically wounded. When officers approached the hotel room where they believed the car's owner was staying and began talking with people inside, the people inside the room attacked and shot the two officers, police said. Both officers were taken to nearby hospitals where Rittmanic was later pronounced dead.

SOURCE: 31 December 2021, FOX 32 Chicago

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Iraq – Iraqi National Security Agency Captures ISIS Social Media Specialist

(U) Erbil – The Iraqi National Security Agency announced that its units captured an Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) member who was working as a social media specialist for the group. The member was in charge of publishing social media content for ISIS. A video published by the Iraqi National Security Agency on Twitter shows the confession of the captured ISIS member. He told the Iraqi authorities that he joined ISIS in early 2021 after meeting a member of the organization on Telegram. He confessed that ISIS assigned him to publish their acts, including murders committed by the group.

SOURCE: 30 December 2021, Kurdistan 24

(U) Pakistan – Roadside Bomb Kills Four and Wounds 15

(U) Quetta – A roadside bomb exploded outside a college in southwestern Pakistan, killing four people and wounding at least 15, mostly passers-by. The attack happened outside the Science College in Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan province. The college was closed at the time of the attack due to the winter break and none of the teachers or students were among the victims. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing, but previous such attacks have been blamed on militants and separatists.

SOURCE: 30 December 2021, Associated Press

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